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ABSTRACT

The information in this document is a summary of school-level data on attendance submitted by each Maryland public school system. Since 1991 the overall percent average daily attendance has risen slightly from 92.6% in 1992 to 93.4% in 1996 and 1997. The rate of increase is mirrored at elementary and secondary school levels. The percent attendance range among the state's 24 school systems is from 88.6% to 95.5%. The number of students who drop out of high school continues to be of great concern to both the educational and business sectors. In 1997, 4.7%, or 10,944 of the students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in Maryland public schools dropped out of school. The percentage of dropouts among the 24 school systems ranged from a low of 1.25% to a high of 13.49%. In 1993, the dropout rate was 5.36%. Since that time the rate dropped slightly, only to rise slightly between 1996 and 1997. Fifteen tables present information about attendance in the state's public schools, including information about transfers into and out of school systems. Tables 12 through 15 give information, including race and ethnicity, about students who complete high school in Maryland. (SLD)

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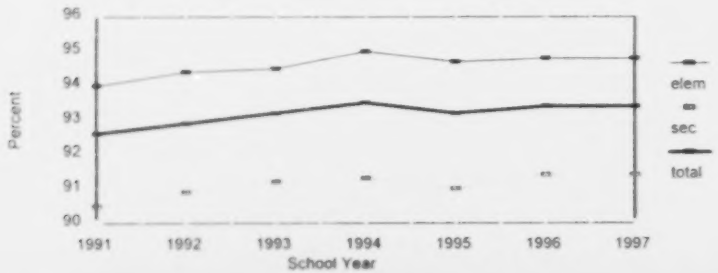
Attendance Data in Maryland Public Schools

School system attendance data in Maryland has been collected annually for nearly a century. This type of information has always been useful for administrative decision making. Data from the July 31, 1905 State Board of Education Annual Report indicates the average number of students in membership for that year was 186,705. Of these students, the average daily attendance was 138,911 or 74%. The number of students attending school regularly has significantly increased since that time.

Over the years the means of collecting information has improved, along with the type of information about student attendance. Prior to 1991 the only information available to the state for analysis was at the school system level. Information had been collected for many years regarding student attendance, withdrawals, promotions, and graduates. While somewhat useful, these data were limited. With the inception of the Maryland School Performance Program (MSPP), individual school attendance information became available to help determine how effectively schools were accomplishing their goals.

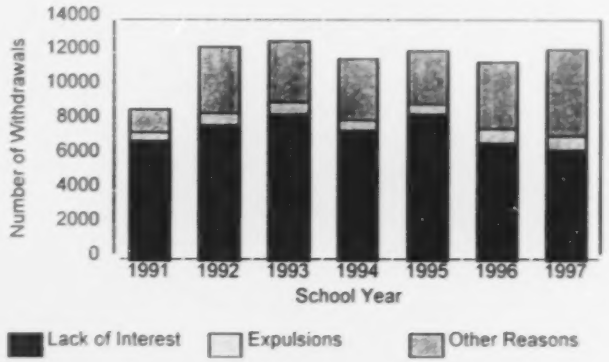
ATTENDANCE

The information contained is this document is a summary of the school level data submitted by each school system. Since 1991 the overall percent average daily attendance has risen slightly from 92.6% in 1991 to 93.4% in 1996 and 1997. The rate of increase is mirrored at the elementary and secondary school levels. The percent attendance range between the 24 school systems for 1997 is from 88.6% to 95.5%, up from the range in 1991 of 86.7% to 95.1%



DROPOUTS

The following chart indicates the number of students in grades 9 through 12 who were withdrawn from school. Throughout the series, the number of students who reported "lack of interest" as the reason for withdrawing remained the most frequent cause of withdrawing from school. The number of students who were expelled ranged from 5% of all withdrawals in 1994 to 7% in 1997.

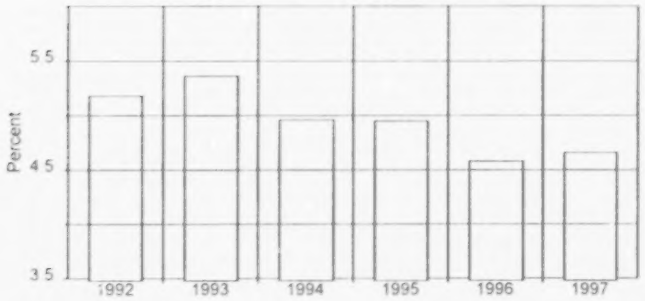


The number of students who dropout of high school continues to be of great concern to both the educational and business sectors. A method for calculating the percent of students who dropout annually was created for the MSPP report. Prior to MSPP the number most often used to gauge the dropout rate was the "Holding Power." Holding power is defined as the percent of entering ninth grade students who graduate four years later. This percentage did not take into consideration the mobility of students or the impact of the increase or decrease in the local economy during that four-year period.

With the implementation of improved data collection processes, we have been able to produce an annual dropout rate since 1991. This rate is based on the

number of students who enter a school system at any time during the school year. Using this "Total Students Served" approach takes into consideration student mobility into and out of the school system. Since we are using an annual rate the impact of the local economy on the data is reduced and is more valuable to decision makers.

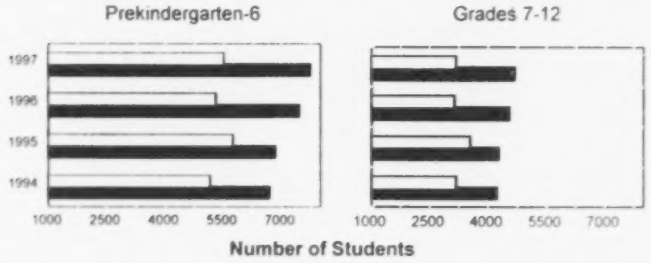
In 1997 4.7% or 10,944 of the students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in Maryland public schools dropped out of school. The percentage of dropouts within the 24 school systems ranged from a low of 1.25% to a high of 13.49%. The dropout rate in 1992 was 5.18%. In 1993 the percentage rose to 5.36%. Since that time the rate of annual dropouts has gradually fallen, but a slight increase was recorded between 1996 and 1997.



Transfers

Another way in which students leave the public school system is through transfers to other schools. Transfers also have an affect on the number of students entering the school systems. The number of students transferring to private/nonpublic schools is often the subject of data inquiries. In reviewing transfer data since 1994, it can be concluded that more students in grades prekindergarten through 12 are leaving private schools to enter the public school system than the number who are transferring to private schools.

The following charts indicate this mobility of students, in grades prekindergarten through 6 and grades 7 through 12. The white bars on the chart represent the number of students transferring to private schools and the solid bars indicate the number of students who transfer from private to public schools.



Graduates

Many students are choosing to remain in the public school systems in order to graduate from high school. Each year approximately 98% of the students who enter the twelfth grade in the fall graduate the following spring. In addition, nearly one third of these graduates also receive a Certificate of Merit.

Year	12th Grade Enrollment	Graduates	Certificate of Merit
1991-92	40,512	40,146	28%
1992-93	40,426	40,091	32%
1993-94	40,550	39,669	34%
1994-95	43,223	41,841	36%
1995-96	42,974	42,281	35%

This summary of attendance contains more detailed information about each of the items described on the previous pages. Most of the information is categorized by elementary and secondary grade levels. Tables 2 and 3 show whether students are returning to the same school or transferring from another public or private school.

When students leave school, they are either transferring to another instructional program or dropping out. Where the students are transferring to is listed in Tables 4 and 5. The reasons students give for dropping out of school are listed in Tables 7 and 8. Table 6 contains the promotion rates.

The average number of students attending school on any given day during the school year is included in Table 10. The percent average daily attendance is also displayed on this table. The number of students who are in membership on any given day during the school year is included on Table 11.

Tables 12 through 15 contain information regarding high school completers. This information includes the type of certification received and the total completers by race/ethnicity.

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Definitions of terms used in this publication:

Average Daily Attendance - aggregate number of student days attended divided by the number of days schools were open.

Average Daily Membership - aggregate number of student days in membership divided by the number of days schools were open.

Other Completers - students who completed a program which led to a certificate of completion. At the present time this category only includes special education students.

Dropout - a student who leaves school for any reason, except death, before graduation or completion of a Maryland approved education program and is not known to enroll in another school or state-approved program during the current school year.

Graduates - students who completed all requirements for, and have received, a Maryland High School Diploma.

Holding Power - the percent of students who graduated four years after entering the ninth grade, or the number of graduates divided by the ninth grade enrollment four years earlier.

LEA - local education agency.

Nonpublic School - any private, parochial or church exempt entity which provides an education program outside the public jurisdiction.

Parent Teaching - students who are instructed at home under the supervision of their parent or guardian (COMAR 13A.10.01).

Percent Average Daily Attendance - aggregate number of students in attendance divided by the aggregate number in membership.

Re-entry - the student is returning to school after having dropped out of any public school.

Transfer - a student who enters from, or leaves to attend another school, either in or out of the LEA, state, or country, whether public or private.

Table 1

Summary of Attendance Statistics: Maryland Public Schools: July 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	First Entry Into Any School	Continuing in the Same School	Entering by Transfer	Leaving by Transfer	Dropouts Grades 9 - 12	Dropout Rate	Percent Promoted - June Roll	Percent Average Daily Attendance	High School Completers
Total State	66,102	569,310	277,910	144,006	10,944	4.66	96.9	93.4	43,365
Allegany	823	8,075	3,190	1,527	120	3.21	99.2	94.9	773
Anne Arundel	5,397	48,903	23,490	6,110	873	4.30	95.8	94.6	3,777
Baltimore City	10,935	79,184	42,860	25,853	4,075	13.49	93.3	88.6	3,843
Baltimore	8,037	72,655	35,993	18,270	367	1.25	98.4	94.4	5,956
Calvert	975	9,934	4,315	949	205	4.97	96.4	94.9	747
Caroline	445	3,964	1,615	697	98	5.96	99.3	94.4	294
Carroll	2,271	18,398	7,756	3,506	234	2.98	97.9	94.9	1,530
Cecil	1,151	10,723	4,457	3,802	138	3.50	97.1	93.8	731
Charles	956	14,405	7,284	4,112	279	4.06	94.5	93.7	1,257
Dorchester	387	3,539	1,694	754	77	5.23	96.0	94.1	238
Frederick	2,401	28,958	5,469	5,498	287	2.82	98.4	93.9	1,929
Garrett	424	3,967	1,022	1,164	64	4.07	96.0	95.3	336
Harford	3,109	25,906	11,880	4,474	383	3.53	98.3	94.4	1,985
Howard	2,982	25,468	13,248	5,034	298	2.57	98.1	95.4	2,272
Kent	222	2,073	764	149	25	3.33	98.7	93.7	164
Montgomery	9,074	83,078	40,495	15,661	788	2.17	98.1	94.3	6,944
Prince George's	10,798	81,570	51,340	35,771	1,660	4.21	96.7	92.7	6,951
Queen Anne's	501	4,364	1,879	754	98	5.28	99.2	93.8	314
St. Mary's	1,154	11,864	2,937	2,301	146	3.32	96.7	94.0	730
Somerset	277	2,139	992	295	72	7.12	95.7	93.8	188
Talbot	375	3,112	1,266	552	27	2.14	95.1	94.9	229
Washington	1,631	13,668	6,782	3,952	295	5.09	96.8	95.5	1,074
Wicomico	1,213	8,324	5,587	2,265	256	6.50	95.9	93.4	718
Worcester	564	5,039	1,595	556	79	3.96	99.6	94.2	385

Table 2

Total Entries Into Maryland Public Schools
Grades Prekindergarten - 6: September 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	Total Entries	First Entry Any School	Continuing Same School	Parent Teaching	Transfers From: Total Transfers	Public Schools: Within LEA	Public Schools: Out of LEA	Nonpublic Schools: Within LEA	Nonpublic Schools: Out of LEA	Other Sources	Re-entries*: Previous Year	Re-entries*: Current Year
Total State	535,193	66,044	315,549	553	153,047	106,945	34,308	5,666	2,069	4,059	393	748
Allegany	6,449	819	4,024	9	1,597	1,164	339	80	3	11	3	4
Anne Arundel	45,085	5,396	26,905	53	12,731	7,834	3,780	746	197	174	46	15
Baltimore City	82,145	10,935	46,203	10	24,997	24,110	768	42	37	40	0	392
Baltimore	68,003	8,037	39,844	39	20,083	12,994	5,258	1,083	350	398	34	0
Calvert	8,770	966	5,487	16	2,301	1,429	717	33	103	19	0	1
Caroline	3,570	445	2,162	7	956	581	358	1	10	6	1	0
Carroll	16,066	2,271	9,549	24	4,222	3,006	1,003	72	104	37	2	1
Cecil	9,784	1,150	6,158	24	2,452	1,540	762	99	43	8	1	2
Charles	12,172	956	7,117	11	4,088	2,778	1,040	193	64	13	8	0
Dorchester	3,311	387	1,849	2	1,073	797	226	39	8	3	2	0
Frederick	21,138	2,391	15,054	35	3,658	2,002	1,380	136	53	87	10	12
Garrett	3,003	424	1,897	20	662	497	153	4	7	1	0	1
Harford	23,815	3,109	13,852	36	6,818	4,723	1,662	156	201	76	20	13
Howard	23,917	2,982	13,437	42	7,456	4,638	2,012	368	259	179	7	8
Kent	1,851	222	1,169	3	457	281	147	11	9	9	0	1
Montgomery	77,880	9,054	45,403	57	23,366	16,538	3,696	1,005	229	1,898	220	169
Prince George's	84,234	10,796	49,686	88	23,664	13,766	7,487	1,200	235	976	26	84
Queen Anne's	4,019	501	2,324	17	1,177	797	334	4	37	5	0	0
St. Mary's	9,251	1,145	6,196	15	1,895	797	874	136	38	50	6	7
Somerset	1,952	277	1,047	2	626	438	170	11	3	4	0	3
Talbot	2,731	375	1,617	8	731	495	198	21	14	3	1	0
Washington	12,816	1,629	7,253	23	3,911	2,901	869	90	26	25	4	10
Wicomico	9,033	1,213	4,767	8	3,045	2,221	667	118	13	26	0	1
Worcester	4,198	564	2,549	4	1,081	618	408	18	26	11	2	24

*Students who re-enter school after voluntary or involuntary withdrawal.

Table 3

Total Entries Into Maryland Public Schools
Grades 7 - 12. September 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	Total Entries	First Entry Any School	Continuing Same School	Parent Teaching	Transfers From: Total Transfers	Public Schools Within LEA	Public Schools Out of LEA	Nonpublic Schools Within LEA	Nonpublic Schools Out of LEA	Other Sources	Re-entries* Previous Year	Re-entries* Current Year
Total State	379,125	58	253,761	443	124,863	93,635	20,265	2,886	1,772	6,305	1,419	1,366
Allegany	5,655	4	4,051	7	1,593	1,260	251	50	3	29	7	9
Anne Arundel	32,819	1	21,998	61	10,759	7,872	2,121	311	186	269	341	146
Baltimore City	50,849	0	32,981	5	17,863	17,215	350	20	9	269	0	753
Baltimore	48,753	0	32,811	32	15,910	10,888	2,921	477	269	1,355	96	0
Calvert	6,488	9	4,447	18	2,014	1,384	483	20	73	54	18	0
Caroline	2,464	0	1,802	3	659	429	205	1	12	12	13	6
Carroll	12,419	0	8,849	36	3,534	2,718	602	27	105	82	23	47
Cecil	6,589	1	4,565	18	2,005	1,464	425	46	32	38	33	10
Charles	10,495	0	7,288	11	3,196	2,087	762	148	96	103	55	17
Dorchester	2,314	0	1,690	3	621	438	141	9	19	14	25	1
Frederick	15,748	10	13,904	23	1,811	608	784	60	37	322	22	34
Garrett	2,434	0	2,070	4	360	233	95	16	5	11	2	0
Harford	17,157	0	12,054	41	5,062	3,707	1,026	91	131	107	50	24
Howard	17,842	0	12,031	19	5,792	4,187	1,086	63	221	235	38	28
Kent	1,215	0	904	4	307	189	95	6	6	11	8	0
Montgomery	54,863	20	37,675	39	17,129	12,351	2,332	571	265	1,610	211	83
Prince George's	59,615	2	31,884	53	27,676	20,852	4,536	659	157	1,472	340	138
Queen Anne's	2,754	0	2,040	12	702	454	179	1	34	34	11	8
St. Mary's	6,725	9	5,668	6	1,042	296	503	151	19	73	11	14
Somerset	1,460	0	1,092	2	366	251	83	10	11	11	14	21
Talbot	2,041	0	1,495	11	535	334	140	21	20	20	9	2
Washington	9,309	2	6,415	21	2,871	2,155	509	57	22	128	36	12
Wicomico	6,109	0	3,557	10	2,542	2,032	388	67	22	33	29	2
Worcester	3,008	0	2,490	4	514	231	248	4	18	13	27	11

*Students who re-enter school after voluntary or involuntary withdrawal.

Table 4

Withdrawals from Maryland Public Schools by Cause of Transfer
Grades Prekindergarten - 6: July 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	Total Transfers	Transfers to Public Schools: Within Same LEA 10	Transfers to Public Schools: Out of LEA 13	Transfers to Public Schools: Out of State 14	Transfers to Nonpublic Schools: Within Same LEA 15	Transfers to Nonpublic Schools: Out of LEA 16	Transfers to Nonpublic Schools: Out of State 17	Foreign Country 18	Evening High 21	State Institution 22	Parent Teaching 24
Total State	86,507	42,165	17,545	17,272	4,351	1,145	474	2,312	0	229	1,014
Allegany	903	475	110	253	42	2	0	1	0	2	18
Anne Arundel	3,798	1,411	943	1,114	147	38	9	67	0	5	64
Baltimore City	16,754	9,289	5,191	1,040	703	236	92	43	0	98	62
Baltimore	9,812	3,248	3,297	1,723	816	249	82	234	0	23	140
Calvert	491	156	141	143	4	10	1	3	0	10	23
Caroline	451	92	183	137	4	6	4	5	0	1	19
Carroll	2,001	1,022	298	414	74	58	27	18	0	18	72
Cecil	2,234	1,742	113	325	16	0	3	12	0	0	23
Charles	2,422	1,155	468	554	153	14	14	22	0	11	31
Dorchester	483	213	142	91	15	12	0	4	0	0	6
Frederick	3,677	2,004	471	811	154	45	10	77	0	29	76
Garrett	682	494	60	102	6	4	0	0	0	3	13
Harford	2,256	894	424	733	65	36	10	21	0	0	73
Howard	3,104	912	810	845	198	113	18	127	0	1	80
Kent	99	26	23	43	2	0	0	2	0	0	3
Montgomery	9,533	3,317	1,432	2,465	907	113	79	1,107	0	3	110
Prince George's	21,048	12,797	2,163	4,531	745	118	90	494	0	3	107
Queen Anne's	469	119	171	101	6	34	4	14	0	0	20
St. Mary's	1,398	355	277	570	135	10	3	30	0	0	18
Somerset	163	25	82	46	4	3	0	0	0	1	2
Talbot	321	51	131	88	25	9	5	3	0	1	8
Washington	2,436	1,354	238	664	75	22	20	12	0	19	32
Wicomico	1,645	955	247	358	55	3	2	12	0	0	13
Worcester	327	59	130	121	0	10	1	4	0	1	1

Table 5

Withdrawals from Maryland Public Schools by Cause of Transfer
Grades 7 - 12. July 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	Total Transfers	Transfers to Public Schools: Within Same LEA 10	Transfers to Public Schools: Out of LEA 13	Transfers to Public Schools: Out of State 14	Transfers to Nonpublic Schools: Within Same LEA 15	Transfers to Nonpublic Schools: Out of LEA 16	Transfers to Nonpublic Schools: Out of State 17	Foreign Country 18	Evening High 21	State Institution 22	Parent Teaching 24
Total State	57,499	25,070	10,114	10,789	2,170	951	530	1,397	4,001	1,736	741
Allegany	624	318	65	162	39	1	0	4	1	20	14
Anne Arundel	2,312	799	541	528	63	52	12	34	126	83	74
Baltimore City	9,099	4,776	2,483	518	321	107	37	37	321	448	51
Baltimore	8,458	2,735	1,813	1,029	445	167	33	101	1,936	140	59
Calvert	458	74	121	130	4	28	1	10	40	29	21
Caroline	246	15	107	87	0	11	3	4	2	10	7
Carroll	1,505	833	194	235	13	52	23	23	9	82	41
Cecil	1,568	1,169	61	182	8	8	13	4	67	15	41
Charles	1,690	643	269	434	44	44	8	23	135	65	25
Dorchester	271	57	87	47	17	2	3	0	45	8	5
Frederick	1,821	604	264	440	54	21	22	47	124	194	51
Garrett	482	304	40	52	29	4	2	2	11	27	11
Harford	2,218	1,067	350	488	100	69	12	26	5	54	47
Howard	1,930	613	468	503	52	131	19	75	12	28	29
Kent	50	7	13	25	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Montgomery	6,128	1,578	901	1,637	425	81	237	710	408	83	68
Prince George's	14,723	8,292	1,559	3,186	442	114	64	252	498	234	82
Queen Anne's	285	26	117	72	6	25	3	3	6	18	9
St Mary's	903	190	198	317	46	6	8	15	36	50	37
Somerset	132	15	51	46	2	2	0	0	7	4	5
Talbot	231	24	74	53	10	12	2	4	32	8	12
Washington	1,516	677	143	306	42	7	12	12	164	118	35
Wicomico	620	233	125	210	7	4	11	8	10	4	8
Worcester	229	21	70	102	1	3	4	2	6	13	7

Table 6

Promotion Rate in Maryland Public Schools
Prekindergarten - Grade 12: June Net Roll 1997

Local Unit	Grand Total				Elementary				Secondary			
	Promoted	Not Promoted	Total	Percent Promoted	Promoted	Not Promoted	Total	Percent Promoted	Promoted	Not Promoted	Total	Percent Promoted
Total State	786,957	25,403	812,360	96.9	470,775	6,821	477,596	98.6	316,182	18,582	334,764	94.4
Allegany	11,008	90	11,098	99.2	5,901	32	5,933	99.5	5,107	58	5,165	98.9
Anne Arundel	68,197	2,989	71,186	95.8	40,720	546	41,266	98.7	27,477	2,443	29,920	91.8
Baltimore City	100,321	7,230	107,551	93.3	65,475	2,195	67,670	96.8	34,846	5,035	39,881	87.4
Baltimore	101,862	1,659	103,521	98.4	60,739	499	61,238	99.2	41,123	1,160	42,283	97.3
Calvert	13,688	511	14,199	96.4	8,129	176	8,305	97.9	5,559	335	5,894	94.3
Caroline	5,465	39	5,504	99.3	3,238	30	3,268	99.1	2,227	9	2,236	99.6
Carroll	25,655	562	26,217	97.9	14,810	166	14,976	98.9	10,845	396	11,241	96.5
Cecil	14,263	422	14,685	97.1	8,571	209	8,780	97.6	5,692	213	5,905	96.4
Charles	19,247	1,129	20,376	94.5	10,451	557	11,008	94.9	8,796	572	9,368	93.9
Dorchester	4,869	203	5,072	96.0	2,979	33	3,012	98.9	1,890	170	2,060	91.7
Frederick	33,310	535	33,845	98.4	19,440	88	19,528	99.5	13,870	447	14,317	96.9
Garrett	4,831	200	5,031	96.0	2,779	43	2,822	98.5	2,052	157	2,209	92.9
Harford	36,795	624	37,419	98.3	21,754	220	21,974	99.0	15,041	404	15,445	97.4
Howard	37,834	747	38,581	98.1	21,951	71	22,022	99.7	15,883	676	16,559	95.9
Kent	2,858	37	2,895	98.7	1,738	9	1,747	99.5	1,120	28	1,148	97.6
Montgomery	120,064	2,278	122,342	98.1	71,152	328	71,480	99.5	48,912	1,950	50,862	96.2
Prince George's	120,746	4,061	124,807	96.7	71,839	884	72,723	98.8	48,907	3,177	52,084	93.9
Queen Anne's	6,300	53	6,353	99.2	3,768	27	3,795	99.3	2,532	26	2,558	99.0
St. Mary's	13,732	467	14,199	96.7	8,158	72	8,230	99.1	5,574	395	5,969	93.4
Somerset	2,974	135	3,109	95.7	1,722	70	1,792	96.1	1,252	65	1,317	95.1
Talbot	4,181	214	4,395	95.1	2,442	97	2,539	96.2	1,739	117	1,856	93.7
Washington	18,987	631	19,618	96.8	11,225	220	11,445	98.1	7,762	411	8,173	95.0
Wicomico	13,105	562	13,667	95.9	7,914	242	8,156	97.0	5,191	320	5,511	94.2
Worcester	6,665	25	6,690	99.6	3,880	7	3,887	99.8	2,785	18	2,803	99.4

Table 7

Withdrawals from Maryland Public High Schools by Cause of Termination
Grades 7 - 12: July 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	Total	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	46	50	71
Total State	13,354	77	1,817	129	6,508	602	11	21	111	69	583	0	228	115	63	550	2,389	81
Allegany	134	1	6	2	109	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	8	2	0	0	3	0
Anne Arundel	1,123	8	20	4	560	69	0	1	6	2	252	0	10	9	0	143	33	6
Baltimore City	5,179	24	1,613	56	2,030	23	0	11	42	41	10	0	78	22	10	25	1,159	35
Baltimore	409	9	31	4	206	26	0	2	8	0	22	0	7	12	7	17	54	4
Calvert	216	0	1	1	190	9	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	9	0
Caroline	108	0	0	0	88	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	12	0	0
Carroll	286	7	35	4	177	10	0	0	4	1	5	0	15	1	0	14	10	3
Cecil	164	3	0	0	104	2	2	0	0	1	10	0	19	1	2	5	10	5
Charles	319	2	10	8	182	41	0	1	10	2	19	0	2	5	2	24	11	0
Dorchester	94	0	1	5	59	3	1	0	0	0	14	0	8	0	0	2	1	0
Frederick	331	0	0	0	190	85	1	1	1	1	10	0	14	3	6	14	5	0
Garrett	73	1	0	0	61	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Harford	437	4	10	3	291	2	0	1	1	0	43	0	4	9	0	27	41	1
Howard	339	1	24	2	221	14	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	3	0	12	52	2
Kent	25	0	0	0	23	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	931	11	39	9	540	95	1	3	3	1	2	0	7	10	12	3	190	5
Prince George's	2,094	4	6	16	716	203	2	1	26	18	146	0	6	26	9	185	724	6
Queen Anne's	111	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	24	37	0
St. Mary's	164	1	7	7	92	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	7	8	16	1
Somerset	101	1	3	5	57	0	0	0	1	0	11	0	3	2	2	10	4	2
Talbot	40	0	0	1	17	1	0	0	1	0	12	0	6	0	0	1	1	0
Washington	309	0	9	1	249	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	27	7
Wicomico	285	0	0	1	235	0	0	0	2	0	10	0	23	1	1	9	0	3
Worcester	82	0	2	0	68	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	1

CODE DEFINITIONS

30 Illness
31 Academic
32 Discipline
33 Lack of Interest
34 Employment
35 Marriage
36 Military Service
38 Economic Reasons
40 Expulsion Under 16
41 Immaturity
42 Special Cases
43 Death
44 Parenting
46 Expulsion 16 & Over
50 Whereabouts Unknown
71 Pregnancy

Table 8

Withdrawals from Maryland Public High Schools by Cause of Termination
Grades 9 - 12 July 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	Total	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	46	50	71
Total State	12,205	66	1,805	128	6,436	594	11	20	106	65	308	0	173	93	63	546	1,723	68
Allegany	130	0	5	2	109	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	6	2	0	0	3	0
Anne Arundel	983	8	20	4	559	69	0	1	6	2	122	0	8	6	0	143	29	6
Baltimore City	4,738	20	1,609	56	1,987	22	0	11	41	37	4	0	65	15	10	24	812	25
Baltimore	377	5	31	4	204	26	0	1	8	0	17	0	4	10	7	17	39	4
Calvert	210	0	1	1	189	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	7	0
Caroline	104	0	0	0	88	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	0
Carroll	281	7	35	4	177	10	0	0	4	1	3	0	14	1	0	14	8	3
Cecil	148	3	0	0	104	2	2	0	0	1	7	0	10	1	2	5	6	5
Charles	299	2	6	7	179	41	0	1	9	2	10	0	1	4	2	24	11	0
Dorchester	78	0	1	5	57	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	2	0	0
Frederick	321	0	0	0	189	85	1	1	1	1	7	0	8	3	6	14	5	0
Garrett	64	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Harford	407	3	8	3	289	2	0	1	1	0	28	0	4	8	0	26	33	1
Howard	322	1	24	2	221	14	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	12	39	2
Kent	25	0	0	0	23	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	875	11	38	9	539	95	1	3	3	1	0	0	6	9	12	3	140	5
Prince George's	1,809	4	6	16	712	202	2	1	24	18	85	0	6	24	9	185	510	5
Queen Anne's	108	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	24	37	0
St. Mary's	160	1	7	7	92	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	17	15	1
Somerset	93	1	3	5	55	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	2	2	10	3	2
Talbot	28	0	0	1	16	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	307	0	9	1	248	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	26	7
Wicomico	258	0	0	1	229	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	12	1	1	9	0	1
Worcester	80	0	2	0	68	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1

CODE DEFINITIONS:

30 Illness	33 Lack of Interest	36 Military Service	41 Immaturity	44 Parenting	71 Pregnancy
31 Academic	34 Employment	38 Economic Reasons	42 Special Cases	46 Expulsion 16 & Over	
32 Discipline	35 Marriage	40 Expulsion Under 16	43 Death	50 Whereabouts Unknown	

Table 9

Dropout Rates of Maryland Public High Schools
Grades 9 - 12: July 1996 - June 1997

Local Unit	1995 June Net Roll	Transfers Out of LEA*	Dropouts	Deaths	Re-entries	Students Served #	Dropout Rate@
Total State	211,850	11,804	12,089	93	1,145	234,690	4.66
Allegany	3,443	179	128	2	8	3,744	3.21
Anne Arundel	18,590	837	967	6	94	20,306	4.30
Baltimore City	23,955	2,173	4,722	15	647	30,218	13.49
Baltimore	26,688	2,180	367	10	0	29,245	1.25
Calvert	3,690	230	205	3	0	4,128	4.97
Caroline	1,404	142	104	0	6	1,644	5.96
Carroll	7,209	408	280	1	46	7,852	2.98
Cecil	3,627	173	147	1	9	3,939	3.50
Charles	6,011	578	295	4	16	6,872	4.06
Dorchester	1,300	96	78	0	1	1,473	5.23
Frederick	9,193	687	318	3	31	10,170	2.82
Garrett	1,416	92	64	0	0	1,572	4.07
Harford	9,682	792	399	8	16	10,865	3.53
Howard	10,505	799	321	1	23	11,603	2.57
Kent	703	23	25	0	0	751	3.33
Montgomery	32,851	2,743	864	9	76	36,391	2.17
Prince George's	33,777	3,972	1,772	24	112	39,433	4.21
Queen Anne's	1,597	160	106	2	8	1,857	5.28
St. Mary's	3,840	418	160	0	14	4,404	3.32
Somerset	864	73	91	2	19	1,011	7.12
Talbot	1,134	102	28	0	1	1,263	2.14
Washington	5,137	364	307	0	12	5,796	5.09
Wicomico	3,465	215	257	1	1	3,936	6.50
Worcester	1,769	144	84	1	5	1,993	3.96

* Total State excludes transfers between local school districts within the State

\# Total Students Served equals the sum of the June Net Roll, Transfers Out of LEA, Dropouts, and Deaths minus Re-entries

@ Dropout Rate equals Dropouts minus Re-entries divided by Total Students Served

Table 10

Average Daily Attendance and Percent Average Daily Attendance
Maryland Public Schools: Grades Prekindergarten - 12: 1996-97

Local Unit	Average Daily Attendance						Percent Average Daily Attendance					
	Total PreK - 12	Total PreK - 6	Prekinder-garten	Kinder-garten	Grades 1 - 6	Total Grades 7 - 12	Total PreK - 12	Total PreK - 6	Prekinder-garten	Kinder-garten	Grades 1 - 6	Total Grades 7 - 12
Total State*	761,795.3	451,967.3	17,905.1	57,910.9	376,151.3	309,828.0	93.4	94.8	92.0	93.7	95.1	91.4
Allegany	10,564.7	5,655.1	221.2	691.3	4,742.6	4,909.6	94.9	95.6	93.8	94.3	95.8	94.1
Anne Arundel	67,907.1	39,335.2	887.9	4,951.2	33,496.1	28,571.9	94.6	95.2	90.5	94.2	95.5	93.7
Baltimore City	96,444.8	62,926.5	4,680.9	8,094.6	50,151.0	33,518.3	88.6	92.9	91.3	91.3	93.3	81.5
Baltimore	97,732.0	58,047.1	2,766.0	7,217.7	48,063.4	39,684.9	94.4	95.0	91.4	93.9	95.4	93.5
Calvert	13,505.4	7,839.6	218.7	998.6	6,622.3	5,665.8	94.9	95.4	92.8	95.0	95.6	94.2
Caroline	5,232.5	3,103.1	157.2	417.1	2,528.8	2,129.4	94.4	95.1	92.4	94.2	95.4	93.4
Carroll	24,899.6	14,247.6	228.9	1,879.4	12,139.3	10,652.0	94.9	95.5	91.5	94.9	95.6	94.2
Cecil	13,866.6	8,332.4	353.7	1,060.4	6,918.3	5,534.2	93.8	95.0	92.1	94.6	95.2	91.9
Charles	19,326.1	10,501.1	0.0	1,321.2	9,179.9	8,825.0	93.7	95.2	00.0	96.7	95.0	92.1
Dorchester	4,866.2	2,881.1	226.7	340.9	2,313.5	1,985.1	94.1	94.9	92.4	94.3	95.3	93.0
Frederick	31,685.1	18,552.3	545.2	2,443.0	15,564.1	13,132.8	93.9	95.1	94.0	94.8	95.2	92.1
Garrett	4,851.1	2,697.9	100.1	401.2	2,196.6	2,153.2	95.3	95.6	91.4	94.8	95.9	94.9
Harford	35,497.8	20,936.1	751.3	2,725.5	17,459.3	14,561.7	94.4	95.3	93.2	94.5	95.5	93.3
Howard	37,086.3	21,215.2	238.6	2,686.2	18,290.4	15,871.1	95.4	95.9	93.6	95.2	96.0	94.8
Kent	2,721.3	1,649.3	143.2	200.4	1,305.7	1,072.0	93.7	94.7	91.0	93.7	95.2	92.3
Montgomery	115,571.9	67,693.3	1,935.8	8,732.6	57,024.9	47,878.6	94.3	94.9	89.9	93.8	95.3	93.5
Prince George's	115,580.2	68,483.3	2,778.3	8,854.6	56,850.4	47,096.9	92.7	94.8	94.0	93.1	95.1	89.7
Queen Anne's	5,966.0	3,590.1	189.9	442.4	2,957.8	2,375.9	93.8	95.0	94.9	94.7	95.1	92.1
St. Mary's	13,280.4	7,733.2	512.3	971.9	6,249.0	5,547.2	94.0	95.1	94.1	94.7	95.3	92.5
Somerset	2,961.2	1,693.6	154.0	222.5	1,317.1	1,267.6	93.8	94.0	90.8	92.3	94.7	93.6
Talbot	4,199.7	2,421.6	105.1	318.4	1,998.1	1,778.1	94.9	95.5	93.7	95.2	95.6	94.2
Washington	18,845.4	11,032.3	392.3	1,483.1	9,156.9	7,813.1	95.5	95.8	93.0	95.2	96.0	95.0
Wicomico	12,856.3	7,703.5	185.1	980.0	6,538.4	5,152.8	93.4	94.7	92.4	93.8	94.9	91.4
Worcester	6,347.6	3,696.8	132.7	476.7	3,087.4	2,650.8	94.2	95.0	92.5	93.7	95.3	93.1

* Total State may not equal the sum of the columns due to rounding

Table 11

Average Daily Membership in Maryland Public Schools
Prekindergarten - Grade 12: 1996-97

Local Unit	Total	Total Prekindergarten - Grade 6	Prekindergarten	Kindergarten	Grades 1 - 6	Total Grades 7-12
Total State*	815,681.5	476,792.1	19,461.9	61,774.0	395,555.5	338,889.4
Allegany	11,136.2	5,917.2	235.8	733.3	4,948.1	5,219.0
Anne Arundel	71,809.5	41,311.3	980.9	5,256.0	35,074.4	30,498.2
Baltimore City	108,876.7	67,747.9	5,125.9	8,861.2	53,760.8	41,128.8
Baltimore	103,528.8	61,072.4	3,026.8	7,683.7	50,361.9	42,456.4
Calvert	14,225.6	8,214.1	235.7	1,050.9	6,927.5	6,011.5
Caroline	5,542.6	3,263.3	170.1	443.0	2,650.2	2,279.3
Carroll	26,235.5	14,925.8	250.1	1,979.8	12,695.9	11,309.7
Cecil	14,791.0	8,769.0	384.1	1,120.4	7,264.5	6,022.0
Charles	20,617.4	11,032.1	0.0	1,366.1	9,665.3	9,585.3
Dorchester	5,168.7	3,034.6	245.4	361.5	2,427.7	2,134.1
Frederick	33,760.8	19,503.5	579.8	2,576.2	16,347.5	14,257.3
Garrett	5,090.8	2,822.6	109.5	423.0	2,290.1	2,268.2
Harford	37,592.6	21,979.6	806.0	2,884.3	18,289.3	15,613.0
Howard	38,859.3	22,125.1	255.0	2,820.6	19,049.5	16,734.2
Kent	2,903.3	1,742.1	157.3	213.9	1,370.9	1,161.2
Montgomery	122,493.9	71,304.5	2,152.5	9,306.9	59,845.1	51,189.4
Prince George's	124,733.0	72,240.8	2,955.0	9,512.2	59,773.6	52,492.2
Queen Anne's	6,357.8	3,779.1	200.2	467.3	3,111.6	2,578.7
St. Mary's	14,128.3	8,128.3	544.5	1,025.9	6,557.9	6,000.0
Somerset	3,155.6	1,801.9	169.6	241.0	1,391.3	1,353.7
Talbot	4,423.5	2,535.8	112.2	334.4	2,089.2	1,887.7
Washington	19,739.3	11,515.7	421.8	1,558.4	9,535.5	8,223.6
Wicomico	13,771.4	8,133.4	200.3	1,045.2	6,887.9	5,638.0
Worcester	6,739.9	3,892.0	143.4	508.8	3,239.8	2,847.9

* Total State may not equal the sum of the columns due to rounding.

Table 12

Graduates and Other Completers of Maryland High Schools by Type of Completion: 1996-97

Local Unit	High School Diploma		Diplomas with a Certificate of Merit		Special Education Certificate	Early College Admission	Total Completers
	Regular	Special Education	Regular	Special Education			
Total State	30,464	1,047	11,157	97	509	91	43,365
Allegany	507	20	234	0	9	3	773
Anne Arundel	3,770	0	0	0	1	6	3,777
Baltimore City	2,968	219	431	2	223	0	3,843
Baltimore	4,561	13	1,306	1	69	6	5,956
Calvert	480	17	244	0	0	6	747
Caroline	222	21	38	5	8	0	294
Carroll	723	76	701	9	15	6	1,530
Cecil	527	12	162	1	14	15	731
Charles	773	22	445	0	17	0	1,257
Dorchester	170	3	62	0	3	0	238
Frederick	1,912	4	10	0	2	1	1,929
Garrett	328	0	0	0	4	4	336
Harford	1,308	3	665	0	1	8	1,985
Howard	1,150	38	1,054	7	16	7	2,272
Kent	93	9	61	0	1	0	164
Montgomery	3,453	432	2,916	59	70	14	6,944
Prince George's	5,134	7	1,784	0	25	1	6,951
Queen Anne's	179	22	112	0	1	0	314
St. Mary's	444	40	234	1	9	2	730
Somerset	118	9	59	0	2	0	188
Talbot	145	0	81	1	2	0	229
Washington	702	23	325	8	12	4	1,074
Wicomico	514	50	147	0	0	7	718
Worcester	283	7	86	3	5	1	385

Table 13

Graduates and Other Completers of Maryland High Schools by Race/Ethnicity: 1996-97

Local Unit	American Indian Alaskan Native		Asian/Pacific Islander		African American		White		Hispanic		Total		Total Students
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Total State	46	54	1,058	1,157	6,204	7,414	12,805	13,309	634	684	20,747	22,618	43,365
Allegany	0	1	2	4	7	8	377	373	1	0	387	386	773
Anne Arundel	2	7	41	61	252	291	1,460	1,617	24	22	1,779	1,998	3,777
Baltimore City	4	7	24	13	1,353	2,017	174	234	7	10	1,562	2,281	3,843
Baltimore	5	6	121	115	716	719	2,066	2,140	38	30	2,946	3,010	5,956
Calvert	0	1	1	3	54	64	286	331	3	4	344	403	747
Caroline	0	0	1	0	27	35	100	130	1	0	129	165	294
Carroll	2	1	3	5	18	10	704	779	6	2	733	797	1,530
Cecil	0	0	3	4	19	19	329	355	1	1	352	379	731
Charles	5	4	10	9	121	157	468	468	7	8	611	646	1,257
Dorchester	1	1	2	0	42	46	76	70	0	0	121	117	238
Frederick	4	1	9	17	74	48	884	857	17	18	988	941	1,929
Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	164	0	0	172	164	336
Harford	4	1	21	23	98	113	832	863	12	18	967	1,018	1,985
Howard	1	0	97	110	178	188	814	847	15	22	1,105	1,167	2,272
Kent	0	0	0	0	13	21	67	61	1	1	81	83	164
Montgomery	8	12	533	578	559	638	1,978	1,914	346	378	3,424	3,520	6,944
Prince George's	9	10	166	187	2,382	2,694	590	621	135	157	3,282	3,669	6,951
Queen Anne's	0	0	0	3	18	22	131	136	1	3	150	164	314
St Mary's	0	2	8	6	55	56	291	302	7	3	361	369	730
Somerset	0	0	0	0	33	50	42	61	1	1	76	112	188
Talbot	0	0	0	1	22	29	84	93	0	0	106	123	229
Washington	0	0	6	6	16	20	500	515	5	6	527	547	1,074
Wicomico	1	0	9	10	93	110	240	252	3	0	346	372	718
Worcester	0	0	1	2	54	59	140	126	3	0	198	187	385

Table 14

Graduates and Other Completers of Maryland Public High Schools: 1987 through 1997

Local Unit	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total State	46,107	47,175	45,791	41,566	39,880	40,148	40,091	39,669	41,841	42,281	43,365
Allegany	974	1,010	928	860	807	742	772	760	763	820	773
Anne Arundel	4,213	4,546	4,609	4,126	3,818	4,018	3,864	3,706	4,020	3,569	3,777
Baltimore City	4,802	4,829	4,521	3,771	3,633	3,145	3,315	3,319	3,569	3,827	3,843
Baltimore	6,049	6,067	5,735	5,310	5,002	5,339	5,392	5,200	5,459	5,510	5,956
Calvert	622	622	661	612	574	659	619	634	668	744	747
Caroline	260	271	284	232	255	292	246	279	296	286	294
Carroll	1,500	1,619	1,599	1,415	1,439	1,353	1,455	1,358	1,478	1,421	1,530
Cecil	840	839	823	792	715	738	727	681	761	760	731
Charles	1,305	1,367	1,339	1,239	1,168	1,256	1,117	1,122	1,173	1,235	1,257
Dorchester	317	375	334	324	284	254	261	253	277	302	238
Frederick	1,661	1,739	1,743	1,682	1,639	1,710	1,745	1,689	1,807	1,968	1,929
Garrett	331	348	370	365	296	306	289	312	275	288	336
Harford	1,956	2,025	1,998	1,837	1,773	1,762	1,758	1,737	1,849	1,813	1,985
Howard	1,959	2,091	2,098	2,024	1,885	1,970	2,073	2,028	2,088	2,304	2,272
Kent	176	162	143	137	170	146	157	129	132	174	164
Montgomery	8,046	7,590	7,190	6,410	6,373	6,611	6,587	6,463	6,825	6,765	6,944
Prince George's	7,298	7,631	7,500	6,742	6,583	6,356	6,240	6,615	6,788	6,751	6,951
Queen Anne's	329	342	355	298	291	255	331	329	334	327	314
St. Mary's	781	788	776	730	711	738	716	667	672	753	730
Somerset	193	197	205	206	182	177	202	199	175	192	188
Talbot	232	288	216	244	222	229	207	197	241	254	229
Washington	1,227	1,269	1,233	1,165	1,075	1,075	1,005	1,011	1,081	1,128	1,074
Wicomico	649	776	746	695	618	680	677	686	696	704	718
Worcester	387	384	385	350	367	337	336	295	414	386	385

Table 15

Graduation Statistics and Holding Power: Maryland Public Schools: 1997

Local Unit	Number of Completers June 1997	9th Grade Enrollment 9/30/93	Percent Holding Power*	12th Grade Enrollment 9/30/96	Estimated Annual Withdrawal Rate^	Percent Completers+
Total State	43,365	59,885	72.4	44,232	6.9	98.0
Allegany	773	863	89.6	798	2.6	96.9
Anne Arundel	3,777	5,613	67.3	3,850	8.2	98.1
Baltimore City	3,843	9,883	38.9	4,180	15.3	91.9
Baltimore	5,956	7,374	80.8	5,855	4.8	101.7
Calvert	747	864	86.5	771	3.4	96.9
Caroline	294	422	69.7	293	7.6	100.3
Carroll	1,530	1,776	86.1	1,565	3.5	97.8
Cecil	731	1,004	72.8	767	6.8	95.3
Charles	1,257	1,488	84.5	1,279	3.9	98.3
Dorchester	238	365	65.2	263	8.7	90.5
Frederick	1,929	2,163	89.2	1,914	2.7	100.8
Garrett	336	407	82.6	323	4.4	104.0
Harford	1,985	2,549	77.9	2,071	5.5	95.8
Howard	2,272	2,513	90.4	2,273	2.4	100.0
Kent	164	197	83.2	166	4.2	98.8
Montgomery	6,944	7,954	87.3	6,967	3.2	99.7
Prince George's	6,951	9,449	73.6	7,069	6.6	98.3
Queen Anne's	314	418	75.1	348	6.2	90.2
St. Mary's	730	1,032	70.7	767	7.3	95.2
Somerset	188	282	66.7	218	8.3	86.2
Talbot	229	357	64.1	211	9.0	108.5
Washington	1,074	1,410	76.2	1,105	6.0	97.2
Wicomico	718	1,000	71.8	767	7.1	93.6
Worcester	385	502	76.7	412	5.8	93.4

*Holding Power is the percent of students who graduated four years after entering ninth grade or on-time

^Estimated Annual Withdrawal Rate is calculated by dividing the percent of students who did not graduate on-time by 4 years

+Percent Completers is the total number of completers divided by the September 30th twelfth grade enrollment